Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): An electronic book system, comprising:

an electronic book, the electronic book including components of digital data that represent information; and

links between the components of the digital data, wherein when the links are activated, a first component is connected to a second component and wherein a link between the first and the second components is a two-way link.

2. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the first and the second components are located in one electronic book.

3. (original): The system of claim 2, wherein the one electronic book includes a main portion and one or more of an index, a table of contents and a glossary.

4. (original): The system of claim 3, wherein the first component is located in the main portion and the second component is located in one of the index, the table of contents and the glossary.

5. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the first component is located in a first electronic book and the second component is located in a second electronic book.

6. (original): The system of claim 5, wherein the second electronic book is one of a dictionary, a foreign language dictionary, and a technical dictionary.

7. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the first component is located in an electronic book and the second component is located in a data base.

8. (original): The system of claim 7, wherein the data base is located at an operations center.

9. (original): The system of claim 7, wherein the data base is located at an Internet web site.

10. (original): The system of claim 7, wherein the data base includes a list of available books related to the first component, wherein one or more of the available books may be ordered for delivery.

11. (original): The system of claim 10, wherein the available books are electronic books, and wherein the electronic books are delivered by transmission over a telecommunications medium.

12. (original): The system of claim 11, wherein the telecommunications medium includes one of a plain old telephone system, a cable television system, a wireless telephone system, a digital satellite television system, a fiber optic system, an ethernet, and a wireless television system.

13. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the second component is an Internet web site.

14. (original): The system of claim 13, wherein the Internet web site includes an address of one or more news groups related to the first component.

15. (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a first display, the first display showing an image corresponding to page of a book, and wherein the second component is displayed as an overlay on the first display.

16. (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a first display, the first display showing an image corresponding to page of a book, and wherein the second component is displayed in a picture-in-picture format on the first display.

17. (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a first display, the first display showing an image corresponding to a page of a book, and wherein when a link is activated, the image being shown on the first display is rescaled and redirected to be shown in a first window and the second component is displayed in a second window adjacent to the first window.

18. (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a first display that displays a first image corresponding to a first page of a book and a second display that displays a second image corresponding to a second page of a book, and wherein when a link is activated, the second component is displayed in one of the first and the second display and the first component is displayed in one of the first and the second display.

19. (original): The system of claim 1, further comprising a menu system, the menu system including:

        a help menu, wherein the help menu provides instructions for using the menu system; and

        a show links menu, wherein when selected, the show links menu displays a link type menu that includes audio clip links, graphics file links, definition links, language translation links, book order links, book review links, related discussion group links, pronunciation links, data base links, other book links, and book section links.

20. (original): The system of claim 19, wherein each component on a page of the electronic book may have one or more links to another component.

21. (original): The system of claim 20, wherein a desired link type is selected by highlighting the desired link type from the links menu with a cursor and operating a select button, and wherein when the desired link type is selected, all corresponding linked components that exist on a page being displayed are highlighted.

22. (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the linked components are highlighted by displaying the linked components in a first color different from a second color for remaining information on the page.

23. (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the linked components are displayed in a font different from a font used to display the page.

24. (original): The system of claim 21, wherein the linked components are highlighted by displaying the linked components in one of a bold typeface, an italics typeface, and underlined.

25. (original): The system of claim 21, wherein a desired link is activated by selecting a desired highlighted component using a cursor and operating a select button.

26. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the second component is an audio presentation.

27. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the second component is a video presentation.

28. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the second component is a location where products can be ordered and purchased.

29. (original): The system of claim 1, wherein the second component is a location where electronic books can be ordered and purchased.

30. (currently amended): A method for linking electronic files to electronic books, comprising:

identifying a first location in a first electronic book;

associating a first electronic file with the first location, wherein the associating step creates a first electronic link;

repeating the identifying and associating steps, the repeated steps creating electronic links;

activating the first electronic link by selecting the first location, the activating step causing the first electronic file to be displayed; and

providing a menu, wherein the menu includes a show links menu, and wherein the show links menu displays all available electronic links associated with a selected location in the first electronic link.

31. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the electronic books are stored in an electronic book unit.

32. (original): The method of claim 31, wherein the electronic book unit, comprises:

      a memory that stores the electronic books and selected electronic files;

      a display that displays the electronic books and the electronic files;

      a control unit adapted to receive commands from a user; and

      a controller that controls operation of the electronic book unit and activation of the electronic links.

33. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first location is a location in an index of the first electronic book, and wherein activation of the first link displays a page of the first electronic book associated with the location in the index.

34. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first location is a location in a table of contents of the first electronic book, and wherein activation of the first link displays a page of the first electronic book associated with the location in the index.

35. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first location is one of a word and a phrase in the first electronic book, and wherein the first electronic file is a location in a dictionary that defines the word or the phrase.

36. (original): The method of claim 35, wherein the electronic book unit includes an audio module, wherein when the first link is activated, the audio unit provides an audio presentation giving a pronunciation of the word or the phrase.

37. (original): The method of claim 35, wherein the dictionary is a foreign language dictionary, and wherein the electronic file is displayed in a foreign language.

38. (original): The method of claim 37, wherein the electronic book unit includes a foreign language selection feature, and wherein the electronic book unit activates a selected foreign language dictionary based on an input from the foreign language selection feature.

39. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the electronic book unit is connected to a telecommunications network, and wherein the first electronic file is stored in a database in the telecommunications network.

40. (original): The method of claim 39, wherein the telecommunications network includes one of a telephone system, a cable television system, a wireless telephone system, a digital satellite television system, a fiber optic system, an ethernet, and a wireless television system.

41. (original): The method of claim 39, wherein the database is a part of an Internet web site.

42. (original): The method of claim 39, wherein activating the first link provides access to the Internet web site.

43. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is a second location in a second electronic book.

44. (original): The method of claim 43, wherein the first and the second electronic books are stored in an electronic book unit.

45. (canceled).

46. (currently amended): The method of claim 45 30, wherein a desired electronic link is selected from the displayed available electronic links.

47. (currently amended): The method of claim 45 30, wherein the show links menu displays available electronic link types for a displayed page in the first electronic book, and wherein when a desired electronic link type if selected, all available electronic links corresponding to the desired electronic link type are displayed on the page.

48. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is displayed in an overlay on a page of the first electronic link having the selected first location

49. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is displayed side by side with a page of the first electronic link having the selected first location.

50. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the activating step comprises operating a pointing device and a cursor to highlight the first location and operating a select button to select the first location.

51. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is an audio presentation.

52. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is a video presentation.

53. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is a location where products can be ordered and purchased.

54. (original): The method of claim 30, wherein the first electronic file is a location where books can be ordered and purchased.

55. (original): The method of claim 54, wherein the books are electronic books.

56. (currently amended): A method for using electronic links in an electronic book system, the electronic book system including an electronic book displayable on a display, the method comprising

displaying a linked first component of the electronic book;

selecting the first component; and

displaying a second component linked to the first component, wherein an

electronic link between the first and the second components is a two-way electronic link.

57. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the second component is a portion of the electronic book.

58. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the second component is a portion of a second electronic book.

59. (original): The method of claim 58, wherein the second component is one of a dictionary, an encyclopedia, and a foreign language dictionary.

60. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the second component is located in a database.

61. (original): The method of claim 60, wherein the database is at an operations center.

62. (original): The method of claim 61, wherein the database is at an Internet web site.

63. (original): The method of claim 61 wherein the Internet web site includes an address of one or more news groups related to the first component.

64. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the display is an electronic book viewer.

65. (original): The method of claim 64, wherein the second component is an external communications device.

66. (original): The method of claim 65, wherein the external communications device is a telephone, and wherein selection of the first component initiates a telephone call between the viewer and the telephone.

67. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the display is a television.

68. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the display is a personal computer.

69. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the second component is one of a product catalog and a service catalog, and wherein a product and a service maybe purchased using the product and the service catalogs, respectively.

70. (original): The method of claim 69, wherein the product catalog is an electronic book catalog.

71. (original): The method of claim 56, further comprising hiding the displayed linked second component.

72. (original): The method of claim 71, further comprising, restoring the hidden second component.

73. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein when the second component is displayed, the second component shows links to third components.

74. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein a user of the electronic book creates links between first components and second components.

75. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein first components and second components are linked through a relational database.

76. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein links linking the first and the second components are refreshed by data provided by an external facility.

77. (original): The method of claim 76, wherein the external facility is one of an operations center and an Internet web site.

78. (original): The method of claim 56, wherein the second component is cross-linked to a third component.

79. (canceled).

80. (new): A method for providing an electronic book, comprising:

    displaying a portion of the electronic book including a plurality of selection options;

    in response to a selection of one of the selection options from a user, displaying a links menu including one or more links, wherein the one or more links provide access to additional content; and

    in response to a selection of a link from the links menu from the user, retrieving additional content associated with the selected link and providing the additional content to the user.

81. (new): The method of claim 80, further comprising:

    providing additional content that is internal to the electronic book.

82. (new): The method of claim 80, further comprising:

    providing additional content that is external to the electronic book.

83. (new): The method of claim 80, wherein the additional content is audio content.

84. (new): The method of claim 80, wherein the additional content is audio-video content.

85. (new): The method of claim 80, wherein the additional content is text content.

86. (new): A method for creating links, comprising:

receiving a selection of content associated with an electronic book from a user;

receiving a selection of additional content from the user; and

in response to a request from the user, creating a link between the selected content associated with the electronic book and the selected additional content.

87. (new): The method of claim 86, further comprising:

creating a links menu;

inserting the created link in the links menu.

88. (new): The method of claim 86, wherein the created link provides access from the selected content associated with the electronic book to the selected additional content.

89. (new): The method of claim 86, wherein the created link provides access from the selected additional content to the selected content associated with the electronic book.

90. (new): The method of claim 86, wherein the created link is a two-way link.